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DALLAS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ARMED BANK ROBBERY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Dallas, Texas, man pleaded guilty in federal court today to the armed robbery of the Commerce Bank on the Country Club Plaza.

John L. Stanley, 60, of Dallas, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., to all three counts of a July 1, 2004, federal indictment.

By pleading guilty, **Stanley** admitted that he used a handgun to take approximately \$8,169 from Commerce Bank, 118 W. 47th St. in Kansas City, Mo., on June 10, 2004. **Stanley** also admitted that he used a firearm in a crime of violence and that he was a felon in possession of a firearm.

Stanley was wearing fake buck teeth to disguise himself when he entered the Commerce Bank building just before noon, Graves said. **Stanley** pulled a handgun from a bag he placed on a teller counter, then ordered two tellers to give him money from their cash drawers, which he placed in the bag.

Minutes after the robbery occurred, law enforcement officers contacted **Stanley**, who was sitting in a 1988 Ford Crown Victoria in a parking lot at 3130 Broadway, wearing what appeared to be a false mustache (half of which was hanging loose) with a large quantity of currency in his lap. When they removed him from the vehicle, Graves said, they found a loaded Sig Sauer .40-caliber handgun in **Stanley's** waistband. During a search of the vehicle, officers also found a quantity of money and a set of crooked false teeth.

Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Stanley** has 1986 criminal felony convictions for possession of a stolen motor vehicle and transfer of a counterfeit motor vehicle title in Texas.

Under federal statutes, **Stanley** could be subject to a sentence of up to 42 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$750,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the complaint is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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